THE HOUR OF CONFLICT

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habit of taking off his pince-nez ever;

Everywhere she walked she was sur-

gave the abbe his assurance that

he sea. It was a point, n'est ce pas, which concerned no one but himself, but severtheless he begged to be permitted to offer his warm felicitations to M.

The abbe accepted them in the spirit which they were offered, and walked own with the doctor to the gate. "Then

ou think monsieur." he said, "that

the morning." He gave the abbe fare-well, raised his hat, and walked away. "Au revoir, monsieur," said the abbe.

and he turned back toward the house

"On the contrary," said the abbe,

"that is the man's task. I will sit with

him at night."
"But M. l'Abbe, it is not right!" cried

No, that is not right. I will stay up."

CHAPTER XLII.

door. Have you heard?"

from a tray of patisserie, all creamy

and hot, that was to prove the down-

The marchand de vin nodded. "No

M. Bonnot's eves twinkled. "Some-

And the wine merchant's comic titter

one topic of conversation that morning, and the fact that he was English only

news had made the rounds before M.

got there. Unile the wine merchant and the ba-

headed and very sunburnt, entered

The baker took an enormous loaf and

o begin to grow?"
M.rthe's teeth gleamed. "It is not cossary to be fat to be intelligent."

"Bonfour, messieurs,"

"I want a loaf, please, M. Bon-

was asking who he was and how

exhtened the general interest.

the sick man at the presbytere."

nore evenings with M. l'Abbe ime. What is it that he has?"

chant popped round the baker's

M. Bonnot looked up quickly

ounded with a halo of great stateliness and d'gnity. The doctor treated her with

oon as his back was turned.

(Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.) (Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.)
Everard Fortesque Leyden, a young inglishman, temporarily short of funds, inlia himself in a dinay care in a small illage on the coast of Breton, with no prospect of entertainment in sight and itaming the fates that had brought him, there. Suddenly a beautiful creature, roll and slender, passes his window, trilling an old love song, all unawave that the has an audience. Immediately Leyten is all animation. Life seems to take in a more roseate hue.

has an audience. Immediately Leyis all animation. Life seems to take
a more roseate hue,
he girl is Tulnette, daughter of an
keeper whose sole thought in life is to
use his elephantine form into more
ph-like proportions. Leyden contrives
meet the girl, and she is at once entured over the attentions of so polished
voiteman.

acquaintanceship ripered quickly e acquaintanceship ripened quickly leve, and life became one grand, i song for M. Leyden and the charmdaughter of the innkeeper. At last cen awakes to the fact that he must not be lendon. The news that her is going away, perhaps never to n, staggers Toinette, and after the realization of vis worse come to her eeeks the seclusion of the beach while en prepares for his journey. E following morning news is brought eyden that the beautiful siri of the Guerchard had been found drowned, y-hearted, Leyden takes his depart-

oninting naunted by the fair face of observe. It prays heavily upon his aind and he seeks solace away from the aunts that he once frequented.

Goaded to desperation, Leyden decides one his life, but his attempt fails.

CHAPTER XL .- (Continued.) HAPTER XL.—(Continued.)

HE ABBE took a deep breath of relief and got up. And then he hospital. I will come in again during HE ABBE took a deep breath of caught a word of the Englishman's mutterings that he underjust one word-"Toinette," But he d not stop to ask himself what it oant. He picked the man up in his great with a load lifted from his mind. He felt no after effects of his strenuous midnight swim. The few hours sleep had thoroughly refreshed him, mentally as well as physically. For when he g street, stumbling on the cubbles, nting and exhausted. At last, after eternity, he kicked open the gare d went up the flower-bowered the bis house. The door was fornately only on the latch. He flick-

irs "What is it?" and a crack of springs as the abbe went into his iroom and laid his burden on his and sat down heavily on a chair, herese appeared in a vast dressing wn and a ludicrous nightcap. she is very much frightened. There was think he had met with a bad acent. And then she saw the figure lishman the bed and that the al-he had no her chantane, and she was still more pected. Cognacl, gasped the able. "Vite!

therese!"
I her fright the fat old woman d her wits about her. She rose to e emergency with what aglitty fat ople can move to a crisis—she dis-peared into the dining-room and rerned with a bottle of cognac and a sit there, M. 1'Abbe," com-1 Therese. "I will give it to the or man here."

was at the bedside in a moment, sed Everard's head slightly in her eat hand, and trickled drops been his lips. while she was doing so the abbe t up, took another glass from the ash stand in the corner, and drank mouthful of the raw spirit.

a mouthful of the raw spirit.

You must look after him, Therese, while I go and fetch the doctor."

And out went the abbe once more, still wet, into the sleeping street.

CHAPTER XLI.

HE window of the abbe's room HE window of the abbe's room a turn for the worse; if I am asleep, looked out across the garden to the sea. It was a big window opened wide, and in the morning opened wide, and in the morning that if I am up, that is quicker, and the morning opened wide, and in the morning that if I am up, that is quicker, and the morning that t opened wide, and in the morning it may be a matter where time is of the sun shone and brought with it the greatest importance."

at of the honeyscukle and the roses "Then let us take it in turns. Let me ent of the honeyscukle and the roses d the songs of the birds, and orc

But now the sun was shut out. It "But, M. l'Abbe—" And then it beust not be allowed to disturb the sick
an, who tossed uneasily in the dim
sht while Therese cat by the bed and
The abbe routed her with his absolute atched over him with the anxious eye "est grave!" she said to herself, "M.

remained here more than an suming supreme command in the day then came out with his face time, so that the abbe could be free to ar and then came out with his face wrinkled. Fever of the brain, Mon but Poor lad!" She rose and put own her knitting and turned Everard's pillow and murmured scothing things nto the ears which neither heard nor The successive shocks of all these

strong emotions during the last months and brought this high-strung young han very near to madness. After the loctor had made a thorough examina-ion of his condition on the previous light he told them very gravely that t was brain fever, and before going ad given the abbe tostructions as to fall of two small English girls. "Whathat to do until he came again. Wherepon the abbe got into div clothes and at up all night. He knew no English, and Everard's ravings at first contain-I no meaning. But row and again here came broken sentences in French, and Toinette's name can through all he add like a left motif.

The long summer night dragged slowthrough, and the aobe, having sat in stiff chair until every muscle ached, lipped off his shees a... walked up and own the bare, polished boards notseessly in his stockinged feet, and all the ime the uneasy muttering of Everard tere the only sounds to disturb the

Toinette! Why did inis man speak her ame so often? Why had he thrown imself into the sea? Was there any onnection between the mon Dieu, no! hat was impossible, reliculous! He told imself that it was unfair to listen to im in that helpless to lition. It was orse than eavesdropping. Besides, Conette was not a very lare name. There were other girls, and doubtless it as not his little flower about whom e Englishman raved. But he must of be left alone, 20 how could be-led listening? And if the gir of his lirium were English, why did he talk

her in French? Why had he come cross to France, to Vimereux, there eliberately to throw himself in? He stopped in his pacing and looked the sick man. The one candle in the com threw his distorted shadow on the wall. He struggled to sit up, and the abbe stepped swiftly to him and held him gently down. But the surge of questions would not be denied, and they raced through his brain searching for an answer which the priest could not give. A great anxiety filled his heart, a vague, uneasy stirring of alarm, of doubt.

strong, and they hore their children with

it took possession of his mind. And then at last dawn had come and Therese, and counter and helped herself, after a close scrutiny of the tray of pastry, to a chocolate eclair. "Eh, bien, have you heard of the new she insisted on his going to bed for a few hours while she watched at the bedide. He obeyed her, almost meekly, And then with the morning and the

arrival at the house of M. l'Abbe?" "Pas si vite:" cried the laker, "I did not tell you to eat the tray. And if crowing of cocks far and wide and the

awakening of the village had come again awakening of the village had come again that's all you can tell me, you did not that's all you can tell me, you did not get up early enough."

Marthe grinned once rucre.
"Perhaps M. Bonnot knows how he there?"

for years.

Beyond births and deaths there was came there?"

"Ah!" said the baker, "that is what "Ah!" said the baker, "that is what we would like to hear."
"May I have another cake?" said

strong and they hore their children with
the unconcern of healthy animals. They
died hard, too, so that the most the doctor was ordinarily called in to attend
was a cut knee or a broken finger. Consequently he made Everard's case his
one thought and care. He was prepared
to devote all his time to him. He even
went so far as to brag about it.
"Brain fever. Ah! Very grave, very
grave indeed. Why, when I was in
Pads, I made light of such a thing as
brain fever! It was child's play to me.
You may leave him in my hands, M.
Yabbe, with every confidence."

A pompous little old person, M. Gonsard, with a mass of gray halr and
Marthe.
"Saprist!! Que appetit! I hope you
will be ill. Here!"
The child took it trom his hand.
"Well," she said, "I went out glong the
digue this morning shortly after sunrise, while you were still seleep, and I
found something just the other side of
the bridge."
M. Bonnot and the marchand de vin
were all attention. "Go alread, then!"
"I found the hat and soutane of M.
I'Abbe," said Marthe.
"What!"
"How?"
Marthe was pleased with herself.

"How?"

Marthe was pleased with herself. lon, Known everywhere. Phone Ma Each ecialr was vorth two sous, She, ili Penna ave, N. W.

told herself she would have one more before she left. 'What were you doing !here?" asked Bonnot.

And what has it got to do with the strength of the many?" demanded the marchand de ette, hot-water heat; \$25; no objection to

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LOST AND FOUND

other minute and joining the tips of his long, thin fingers. His clothes were al-ways very neat, and he wore a little red button in his buttonhole and attended POCKETBOOK, Thursday night on hurch on Sundays in a silk hat and owed formally when the villagers saluted him-quite unconscious of the fact that they exchange humorous glances as PURSE-Black pin seal, containing He was, however, a most devoted hus-and. His wife, who ran to fat and wore the most amazing bonnets was the small change and a coupon for a photo, near 14th st. and R. I. ave. Relurn to 2003 rande dame of the small community. POODLE - White French, Wednesday; answers to name of "Buster." \$10 reward if returned to 1428 Euclid at, N. W. Columbia

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darkness, and came to the conclusion that the excitement of the rescue, the surprise of finding Everard, and the fatigue following the effort of carrying him nearly half a mile had shaken him for the time. He dismissed the whole thing definitely and forever.

It was a new responsibility which faced him, and he thanked God for having Therese to rely on. The masterful way in which she had taken things in hand ever since he brought the First Girl.—Young to assist in housework. 125 hand ever since he brought the First Girl.—Young to assist in housework. 125 by N. E. way in which she had taken things in hand ever since he brought the Englishman in showed him a new side of her character which he had never suspected. So he prepared himself to play second fiddle to her.

She, on her side, realized that in the face of illness she was the stronger, and she ordered the showt told him to she ordered the showt told him to

face of illness she was the stronger, and she ordered the abbe about told him to fetch things, commanded him out of the sick room when she had snatched a hearty meal and resumed her position as watcher. She made a masterly head nurse, and the priest smilingly obeyed her in all humility. They played quite a little comedy, these two, to which pompous old M. Gonsard all unconsciously added his quota. But on one point the abbe was unyividing. He was going to sit up all night. That was not only his duty, but his right.

Therese threw up her hands. "I will never permit it; It is for me, the woman, to sit up."

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she said. "Some people see things betore others are out of bed." She laid
a sous on the counter, and picked up er bread.

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Marthe grinned and returned to the counter and helped herself, after a close scrutiny of the transfer of the counter and helped herself, after a close scrutiny of the transfer of the counter and helped herself.

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Funeral Monday, 11 a. m., from residence, 1833 Seventeenth street northwest.
WALTZING—On January 16, 1916, at St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, Edgewood, D. C., Sister VINCENTIA WALTZING, Funeral from asylum chapel, Saturday, January 17, at 9 a. m. Interment Mc. Olivet Cemetery. COLORSD.

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Vital Records.

DEATHS

Wiliam B. and Ella M. Waters, girl.
Charles M. and Maragret Souisatt, boy.
Walter S. and Ellen Fawcett, girl.
Dennis J. and Emma Donovan, boy.
Guy E. and Nellie M. Clem, girl.
Ernest H. and Carrie M. Bradley, boy.
Louis and Lucile Wood, boy.
Ed W. and Jennie M. Young, boy.
Hammond and Louise Thomas, girl.
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Albert Akers, % years, John Dickson
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Catherine West, 9 years, 1344 Sixth Frank T. Rawlings Co. (Inc.) Catherine West, 3 years, 1344 Sixth street southwest.

James A. Talbert, 69 years, 708 Eneventh street southeast.

Hattle Wagner, 45 years, Georgetown Hospital.

Mary A. Guenthet, 47 years, 203 R street northwest.

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